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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: US ELECTION

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL BANNERED "CARTER SWEEPS TO VICTORY IN U.S. VOTE" OVER REUTER WRAPUP. SEPARATE STORIES CONCERNED CARTER S BACKGROUN ("THE US LEADER WHO CAM FROM THE BLUE ....."), HIS ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT ("JIMMY CALLS FOR RETURN TO AMERICA S GREATNESS"), DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL SWEEP, MOYNIHAN S ELECTION IN NY, GUBENATORIAL RACES ("WOMAN BIOLOGIST ELECTED GOVERNOR"), SCHMITT VICTORY IN NM, FOREIGN REACTION ("WORLD PREDICT LITTLE CHANGE IN USA FOREIGN POLICY"), DOLLAR DROP IN EUROPE, PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF CARTER BY FOREIGN EDITOR ALBERT MVULA. LATTER IS BASED ON VISIT TO US, SUPPLEMENTED BY IPS MATERIAL AND PHOTOS. TOTAL ELECTION COVERAGE RAN TO 348 COLUMN INCHES IN NOVEMBER 4 EDITION.

2. MAIL S EDITORIAL: "WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS NOW ALMOST IN, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT MR. JIMMY CARTER HAS DEFEATED PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND WILL SOON BECOME THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT. NORMALLY, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS IN MANY COUNTRIES DO NOT INTEREST A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL

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ELECTIONS DO BECAUSE OF THE GLOBAL INTERESTS AND WORLD POWER

OF AMERICA.

AND HERE IN AFRICA, MR. CARTER WILL ONLY GENERATE INTEREST IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO THROUGH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HOW AMERICAN INTERESTS AFFECT PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

AS FOR AFRICA, INTEREST IN MR. CARTER WILL BE OVER THE ROLE HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL PLAY IN RELEASING AMERICAN FUNDS TO HELP THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WHAT IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD IS THAT MR. CARTER COMES IN AT A TIME WHEN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD INVOLVED ITSELF IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM.

US SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, COMMITTED THE AMERICANS TO THE POLICY OF MAJORITY RULE IN THE BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND TO THE DISMANTLING OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

UNDERSTANDABLY, THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND WHITE RHODESIANS HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE ELECTION RESULTS WITH INTEREST.

DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, MR. CARTER AND HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISORS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THEY SUPPORTED DR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE WORLD WILL BE WATCHING TO WHAT EXTENT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL PUSH SOUTH AFRICA TO CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND THAT APARTHEID IS DISMANTLED IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

AS MR. CARTER MOVES IN INTO THE WHITE HOUSE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATION THAT AFRICAN LEADERS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAVE FOR MANY YEARS BEEN TRYING TO INTEREST AMERICA IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THIS WAS BECAUSE WITHOUT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT, THE SITUATION WAS GOING TO TAKE LONG TO RESOLVE ITSELF SINCE BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA DEPENDED ON WESTERN WEAPONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR RACIAL POLICIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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THE SITUATION TODAY IS THAT BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA CAN STEP UP THEIR RESISTANCE TO MAJORITY RULE AND THE DISMANTLING OF APARTHEID IF THEY KNOW THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SLACKENS HER OPPOSITION TO RACISM.

REBEL LEADER IAN SMITH MAY OR MAY NOT PLAY FOR A QUICK

SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IF HE THINKS HE CAN GET  
A BETTER DEAL UNDER KISSINGER DURING THE COMING TEN WEEKS  
KISSINGER WILL BE IN OFFICE.

SOUTH AFRICA MAY OR MAY NOT TRY TO ADOPT A TOUGH LINE OVER  
APARTHEID TO TEST HOW FAR THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION CAN  
GO IN ITS OPPOSITION TO RACISM.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS NOT THE TACTICS WHICH EITHER SMITH OR  
MR. JOHN VORSTER MAY OR MAY NOT USE IN TESTING THE METTLE OF  
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

BUT RATHER THE DETERMINATION MR. CARTER CAN SHOW BOTH TO THE  
RHODESIANS AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON THE ONE HAND AND TO THE  
BRITISH ON THE OTHER TO HAVE THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM OUT OF  
THE WAY.

UNDER THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, MR. KISSINGER MANAGED TO  
INVOLVE THE AMERICANS IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE  
RIGHT DIRECTION AND HISTORY WILL RECORD THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF  
THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA OVER THEIR EFFORTS.

WE HOPE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL MOVE IN FAST TO FINISH  
THE JOB SO THAT THERE IS PEACE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD."

3. TIMES OF ZAMBIA HEADLINED "CARTER WINS" OVER REUTER STORY  
ABOVE FOLD PAGE ONE. SEPARATE STORY FROM TIMES LONDON  
CORRESPONDENT IS HEADLINED, "AFRICA DOUBTS NEW REGIME."  
(TEXT CLARIFIES THAT NO FUNDAMENTAL FOREIGN POLICY SHIFT IS  
ANTICIPATED.) OTHER STORIES CONCERN CONGRESS (CARTER ASSURED  
OF "TAMED" CONGRESS") AND DOLLAR SLUMP.

4. ONLY TIMES EDITORIAL REFERENCE TO ELECTION RESULT IS  
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IN EDIT ON RHODESIA TALKS: "IF THE JIMMY CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
WILL NOT PROVE WEAK-KNEED, BRITAIN WILL HAVE THE BACKING  
OF THE US AND THE KEY GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE INCLUDING THE  
SUPPORT OF PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
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